

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for reducing crosstalk comprising:
a cap manufactured of a material configured to minimize transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the cap constructed to fit about a jack including a port for receiving a plug, spring contacts for making electrical contact with the plug, and insulation displacement contacts housed in an insulation displacement contact housing, the insulation displacement contacts electrically connected to the spring contacts, the insulation displacement contact housing including a top, a back, and two sides, the cap constructed to form a shield structure along the top, the back, and the two sides of the insulation displacement contact housing, wherein the cap includes carbon filled material, the carbon in the carbon filled material being conductive, wherein the conductive material of the cap is not grounded.

51. (Canceled)

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54. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~63~~ 50, wherein the cap includes a notch along the back of the insulation displacement contact housing for allowing a cable to be terminated to the insulation displacement contacts of the jack.

55. (New) A telecommunications device comprising:

a jack including a front side and a back side, the jack defining a port in the front side for receiving a plug, the jack also defining spring contacts within the port for making electrical contact with the plug, the jack including insulation displacement contacts rearwardly projecting from the back side, the insulation displacement contacts electrically connected to the spring contacts, the insulation displacement contacts configured to establish electrical contact with conductors of a cable, the insulation displacement contacts arranged in two columns that define a space thereinbetween for receiving the conductors of the cable, the insulation displacement contacts defining an outer surface; and

a cap manufactured of a material configured to minimize transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the cap constructed to fit about the jack to cover at least a portion of the outer surface defined by the insulation displacement contacts, the cap including an electrically non-conductive material which is impregnated with an electrically conductive material such that the cap is overall electrically non-conductive, wherein the electrically conductive material of the cap is not constructed to be grounded when the jack is terminated to a cable.

56. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the electrically conductive material impregnated into the electrically non-conductive material includes carbon.

57. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the electrically conductive material impregnated into the electrically non-conductive material includes stainless steel.

58. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the jack is a recommended (RJ) type jack.

59. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the electrically conductive material of the cap is coated with an electrically non-conductive insulator coating.

60. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the cap includes an opening aligned with the space defined in between the two columns of the insulation displacement contacts.

61. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the jack includes the front and back sides, a top side, and two lateral sides, wherein the cap covers at least a portion of the top side, the back side, and the two lateral sides.

62. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the jack is terminated to an unshielded cable.